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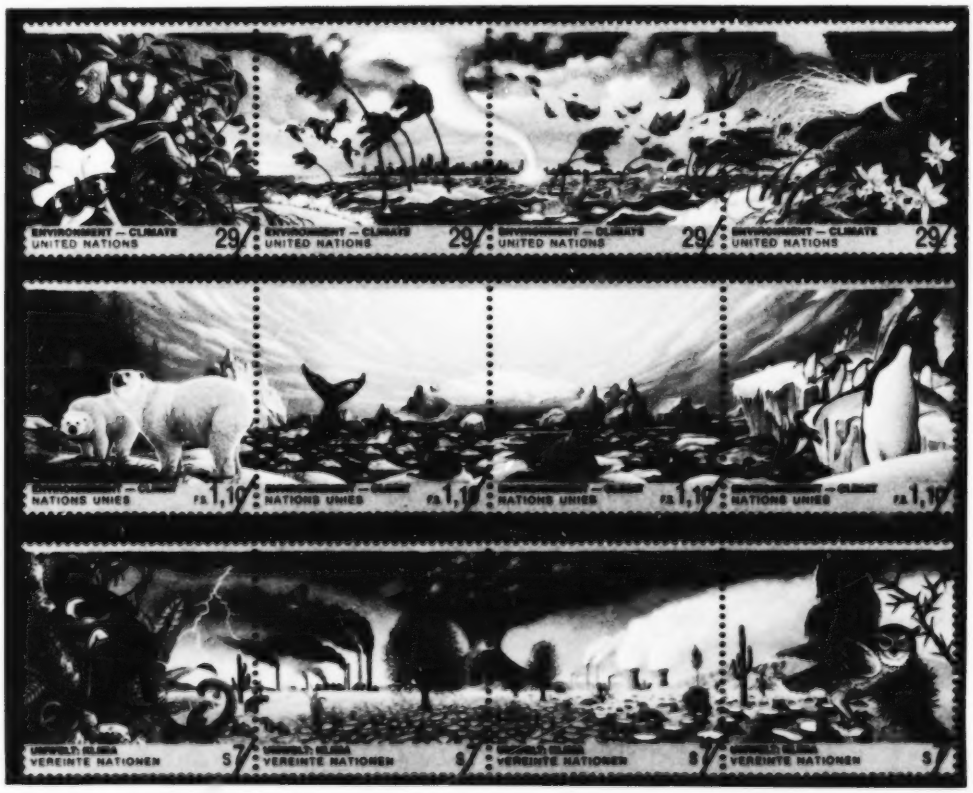
To: Members of delegations and staff

From: Director, Office of General Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "ENVIRONMENT-CLIMATE" STAMPS

1. On Friday, 29 October 1993, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of three different designs of se-tenant strips of four commemorative stamps on the theme of "Environment-Climate".

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2. The stamps were designed by Braldt Bralds (Netherlands). They are his third set of stamps for the United Nations. He previously designed the award-winning "Survival of the Forests" issue of 1988 as well as the "Clean Oceans" issue of 1992.

3. The stamps measure 34.71 mm x 34.71 mm, perforation to perforation (perforation: 14). The stamps were printed in offset lithography by The House of Questa (United Kingdom).

| Denominations | Quantities |
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| 29 cents | 2 520 000 |
| F.s. 1,10 | 2 520 000 |
| S 7 | 2 832 000 |

(United States equivalents - F.s. 1,10: 83 cents and S 7: 65 cents - subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

4. The "Environment-Climate" stamps will be issued in sheets of 24 stamps. A se-tenant design has been used so that the se-tenant strip of four appears as one large illustration; hence each sheet will consist of six se-tenant strips of four stamps. The se-tenant strip of four will comprise one selling unit.

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachet ONLY and in only two versions. The first is a plain se-tenant strip of four stamps affixed to a standard-sized cover and cancelled appropriately. The second variety will be a triple-cancelled jumbo cover to which a plain se-tenant strip of four stamps of each denomination has been affixed and cancelled from each office.

6. The sixth set of maximum cards will also be issued on 29 October on the theme "Environment-Climate". Three different cards will have the appropriate strip of four stamps affixed and cancelled first day of issue relevant to the respective office. They will be available for a period of three months, while supplies last.

7. The New York, Geneva and Vienna annual collection folders of single mint stamps issued in 1993 will be released on 29 October 1993. Please note that the 1993 "Endangered Species" and "Human Rights" stamps are not in these folders, but are contained in their own special albums.

8. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps and first-day cancellations on Friday, 29 October, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate unseen thousands of people to the activities and goals of the United Nations.

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